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Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.58

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development be increased to 47 States, selected by the Economic and Social Council from among the members of the United Nations and members of its specialized agencies, bearing in mind that the representatives of Governments nominated to serve on the Commission should preferably have relevant background in population and development, in order to ensure that it fulfil its functions as reflected in its updated and enhanced mandate, taking into account the integrated multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach of the Programme of Action and the membership of the other functional commissions of the Council.

2. The resources for the activities of the Commission on Population and Development have been proposed under section 8 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 on the basis of the Commission's current membership (27 members) and modalities of work established by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/128 of 19 December 1994.

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3. An increase in the membership of the Commission to 47 States, as proposed in operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, would result in additional requirements to meet travel costs of the members of the Commission attending its annual sessions in 1996-1997 in the amount of $67,000.

4. It is expected that the above requirements could be accommodated from within the provision proposed for the Commission under section 8 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.78

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 15 of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78, the General Assembly would decide that the preparations for the special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, and the special session itself, should be kept within the agreed appropriation level for the biennium 1996-1997.

2. As indicated in the statement of programme budget implications (A/C.2/50/L.55) submitted in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.23, additional requirements amounting to $197,400 would arise for the servicing of the special session, which represent a new activity, not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and for which no appropriations have been sought in the proposed programme budget. These additional requirements stand.

3. Accordingly, should draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78 be adopted, the need for additional requirements would be brought to the Fifth Committee in accordance with its terms of reference and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, section VI, whereby the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee

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was the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. It will be recalled that in the same resolution the General Assembly expressed its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters. Also in the same resolution, the Secretary-General was invited to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.